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III. Remarks**A. Interview Summary**

Applicants extend their thanks to the Examiner for granting the interview of February 28, 2005 in which agreement was reached as to the allowability of the Claims. Further, Applicants' representatives, Dr. Ivo Eggen, Dr. Marijke Hogenbirk, and William P. Ramey, III, discussed the Restriction Requirement of March 13, 2003 in the parent case, USSN 10/199,805. Agreement was reached to rescind that Restriction Requirement of March 13, 2003 as to Groups I-IV. Group V was not discussed.

In light of such agreement, Applicants are submitting this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment. This Supplemental Preliminary Amendment reclaims the subject matter of the originally filed case. This Amendment is intended to reclaim all previously cancelled subject matter, except for Group V subject matter, as referenced in the Restriction Requirement of March 13, 2003.

Applicants have cancelled Claim 47, directed towards a method for combinatorial synthesis of peptide libraries using the split and mix method, wherein the process of the invention is applied in line with the Restriction Requirement of June 16, 2004.

In line with the agreement, Applicants will elect species of the invention i) as to whether or not the scavenger is used for deprotection; ii) as between a thiol and an amine as the scavenger; and, iii) as an example of a suitable scavenger.

All Claims are now believed in a condition for allowance.

B. Response to the agreed Restriction of the Interview

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In response to the Restriction Requirement of the Interview of February 28, 2005, applicant elect prosecution of Claims 28-46 and 48-54, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Additionally, Applicants choose the species as follows:

- i) wherein the scavenger is not used for deprotection;
- ii) wherein the scavenger is an amine; and,
- iii) benzyl β-alaninate or a salt thereof as an example of a suitable scavenger.

Applicants maintain their other species election from the Response to the Restriction Requirement of June 16, 2004, with traversal.

IV. Conclusion

Should the Examiner have any questions, Applicants respectfully invite the Examiner to contact the Applicants' attorney, William P. Ramey, III, at 302-933-4034. The application is believed in a condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees and to credit any credits to deposit account no. 02-2334.

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